

## Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### In the Specification:

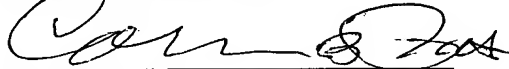
Page 1, after the title, please insert the following title and paragraph:

### **--CROSS-REFERENCED TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/106,156, entitled "FIELD-ASSISTED FUSION BONDING" which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

Entry of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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